



Mississippi Labor Market

Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

August 2004

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03		Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised		Preliminary	Revised	Revised
Total Nonfarm Employed	1,121.1	1126.2	1,109.9	Utilities	7.9	7.9	8.1
Natural Resources & Mining	8.6	8.6	8.8	Electric Power	5.4	5.4	5.6
Construction	51.3	51.7	51.1	Transportation & Warehousing	35.2	35.3	37.9
Manufacturing	180.8	181.0	177.1	Warehousing & Storage	7.6	7.4	8.0
Durable Goods	116.6	116.8	111.0	Information	14.5	14.8	14.7
Wood Products	13.1	13.4	13.2	Telecommunications	8.1	8.1	7.8
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	5.8	5.9	5.9	Finance & Insurance	34.7	34.8	34.1
Primary Metals	2.7	2.7	2.7	Credit Intermediation	21.5	21.7	20.8
Fabricated Metals	11.3	11.4	11.4	Depository Credit Intermediation	15.3	15.5	15.2
Machinery	11.5	11.4	12.1	Insurance Carriers	11.2	11.2	11.7
Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition	4.2	4.1	4.2	Real Estate & Rental	12.1	11.8	12.1
Computers - Electronics	3.0	3.0	2.9	Prof., Scient., Technical Services	30.7	30.1	28.8
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	9.0	8.9	8.9	Management of Companies	9.8	9.6	10.3
Electrical Equipment	3.7	3.7	4.0	Admin Spt & Waste Management	41.8	42.0	39.8
Transportation Equipment	27.6	28.1	23.7	Education Services	13.9	13.8	14.1
Motor Vehicle Parts	6.3	6.6	6.2	Health Care & Social Assistance	103.8	103.4	99.4
Ship & Boat Building	15.1	15.3	13.1	Hospitals	30.5	30.7	30.5
Furniture	29.1	28.8	27.0	Nursing & Resident Care	21.2	20.9	20.0
Nondurable Goods	64.2	64.2	66.1	Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	13.0	12.9	14.6
Food Products	28.5	28.2	27.9	Amusements , Gambling, Recreation	11.9	11.9	13.5
Animal Slaughtering	19.7	19.4	20.1	Gambling	5.8	5.7	6.4
Apparel	5.2	5.4	5.6	Accommodation & Food Services	112.9	112.5	110.8
Paper Products	5.4	5.6	6.0	Accommodation	38.5	38.1	38.1
Pulp, Paper, Paperboard	2.2	2.2	2.7	Food Services & Drinking	74.4	74.4	72.7
Converted Paper Products	3.2	3.4	3.3	Other Services (Private)	37.0	37.3	37.2
Chemicals	5.7	5.6	6.8	Repair & Maintenance	9.9	10.0	10.3
Plastics & Rubber	9.3	9.4	9.2	Government	239.3	243.9	237.7
Wholesale Trade	35.9	36.2	35.0	Federal	26.2	26.2	25.9
Retail Trade	137.9	138.6	138.3	State	59.6	60.3	63.3
Food & Beverage Stores	19.6	19.6	19.6	State Education	20.1	20.6	22.9
Grocery Stores	18.0	18.2	17.6	Local	153.5	157.4	148.5
General Merchandise	37.4	38.3	37.0	Local Education	79.0	82.7	75.7
Department Stores	10.5	10.5	10.1				
Other General Merchandise	26.9	27.8	26.9				

NOTE: All data expressed in thousands

MDES . . an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

	Avg Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03
Manufacturing	\$514.80	\$510.76	\$501.37	39.0	38.9	39.2	\$13.20	\$13.13	\$12.79
Durable Goods	\$542.08	\$541.44	\$523.48	39.8	39.9	39.3	\$13.62	\$13.57	\$13.32
Wood Products	\$444.78	\$442.02	\$428.13	42.0	41.7	39.9	\$10.59	\$10.60	\$10.73
Fabricated Metals	\$540.77	\$536.26	\$525.03	39.3	39.2	37.0	\$13.76	\$13.68	\$14.19
Machinery	\$633.83	\$630.52	\$549.61	44.2	44.0	41.2	\$14.34	\$14.33	\$13.34
Furniture	\$450.58	\$446.93	\$433.79	37.8	37.4	36.3	\$11.92	\$11.95	\$11.95
Nondurable Goods	\$465.75	\$457.56	\$466.83	37.5	37.2	39.0	\$12.42	\$12.30	\$11.97
Food Products	\$399.12	\$381.00	\$372.17	39.4	38.1	39.3	\$10.13	\$10.00	\$9.47

Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased 5,100 from June, but was still 11,200 above one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed a monthly employment decrease of 200 and a yearly employment increase of 3,700
- ◆ The July unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of one percentage point over the month.
- ◆ Once again, the largest monthly employment decrease occurred in government with 4,600 less jobs than June. Government should increase next month with school workers returning.
- ◆ The civilian labor force grew with 12,800 more people than June. Unemployed individuals decreased 700 while employed individuals increased 13,500 over the month.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

Wage Earners & Clerical	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Wage Earners & Clerical	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03
All Items	184.9	185.3	179.6	Medical Care	310.4	309.4	296.7
Food & Beverages	186.8	186.4	179.6	Recreation / 1	106.3	106.7	105.6
Housing	186.2	185.6	181.4	Education & Communications / 1	109.4	109.4	108.2
Apparel	115.6	119.6	115.2	Other Goods & Services	313.2	311.8	307.5
Transportation	162.2	164.0	155.5	All Urban Consumers			
/ 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base				All Items	189.4	189.7	183.9

Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

	Jul 04 Prelim.	Jun 04 Revised	Jul 03 Revised		Jul 04 Prelim.	Jun 04 Revised	Jul 03 Revised
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)				(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	1,341.1	1,328.3	1,332.1	Labor Force	1,328.0	1,316.8	1,319.6
Unemployed	81.0	81.7	89.8	Unemployed	78.3	70.7	87.7
Rate	6.0%	6.2%	6.7%	Rate	5.9%	5.4%	6.6%
Employed	1,260.1	1,246.6	1,242.3	Employed	1,249.7	1,246.1	1,231.9
U.S. Rate	5.7	5.8	6.3	U.S. Rate	5.5	5.6	6.2

Data compiled by Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Labor Market Information Department, in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics